

November 30, 1999

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Gary Brown, Chairman, Tempe

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, December 7, 1999, 10:00 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

The next meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.** If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Johnson or Chris Voigt at 254-6300.

Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or ten people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of Minutes of November 23, 1999</u>	2. Approve minutes of November 23, 1999.
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u>	3. For information.
An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Committee. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.	
4. <u>Transportation Manager's Report</u>	

Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Manager. At the November 23, 1999 TRC meeting, new regional projects were recommended for inclusion in a draft tentative regional program. This agenda includes final TRC action on the RPTA regional transit program, the MAG federally funded program and the ADOT Highway Construction Program. See the attached memo for the status of these programs and the approval process.

4. For information and discussion.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Committee members can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.

5. For information, discussion and possible recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA

- *6. Short Range Transit Plan

The Short Range Transit Plan is prepared and updated annually by the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA) for MAG. The plan's contents include an overview of the performance and operating characteristics of the public transit services provided in Maricopa County. The process for plan formulation included RPTA staff contacting each MAG member agency during the plan's development in an attempt to develop an accurate and complete plan. A copy of the executive summary is attached and a copy of the full report is available upon request.

6. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the Short Range Transit Plan contingent upon a finding of conformity for the MAG 2001-2005 Transportation Improvement Program.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

7. Selection of Paving Projects for CMAQ Funding

EPA has notified MAG that it cannot approve the MAG Serious Area PM-10 Plan without additional commitments for controlling dust. Accordingly, at the November 23, 1999 TRC meeting, CMAQ funds were recommended for County road paving projects on a 50/50 basis. Cost have been adjusted so that CMAQ funds are not applied to right-of-way acquisitions. Also, CMAQ funds were recommended for PM-10 efficient street sweepers. These items are being forwarded to the Management Committee as an amendment to the MAG 2000-2004 Transportation Improvement Program.

It was also recommended that \$5.4 million in CMAQ funds be reserved for paving projects including the paving of dirt roads, shoulders access points, alleys and dirt park and ride lots. Communities were notified that they had until noon on December 2, 1999 to submit additional paving projects to MAG staff. The emission reductions associated with these projects will be calculated and provided to the committee for possible action.

8. Tentative FY 2001-2005 Program for MAG Federal Funds

At the November 2, 1999 meeting of the TRC, project rankings for MAG federal funds were reviewed and initial modal allocations were recommended. At the November 23, 1999 meeting projects were recommended for MAG federal funding. These recommendations have been incorporated into the attached FY 2001-2005 tentative program for MAG STP and CMAQ funding. Initial recommendation for the close out of FY 2000 are also shown.

7. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend proposed paving projects for CMAQ funds for inclusion in the tentative FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for public comment

8. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend the proposed tentative FY 2001-2005 Program of MAG federal funds for public comment.

9. Report on the MAG Freeway Program

MAG Freeway Program Management will address issues related to the Freeway Life Cycle Program. The status of the FY 2001-2007 Life Cycle Program will be reviewed.

10. Status Report on Design Concept Report to Widen the Superstition Freeway

ADOT is nearing completing of the Design Concept Report and environmental assessment for widening the Superstition freeway. The MAG Long Range Transportation Plan includes completion of HOV lanes from I-10 to Power Road by 2007 at a total cost of \$290 million (including HOV connections at I-10). After 2007 additional widening is planned between Loop 101 and Power Road.

ADOT is proposing to proceed with a design build project for the Superstition which includes: (1) HOV connection between I-10 and the Superstition, (2) HOV lanes between I-10 and Val Vista Drive, and (3) up to two additional general purpose lanes in each direction from Loop 101 to Val Vista Drive. The total cost of this project is currently estimated at \$254 million. The design build project would accelerate the completion of HOV lanes by about 2 years.

In exchange for acceleration of HOV lanes between I-10 and Val Vista Drive, it has been proposed that the adopted priority for HOV lanes between Val Vista Drive and Power Road be deferred and considered in future programming efforts. Also, the City of Mesa has agreed to finance the acceleration of the general purpose lanes estimated to cost approximately \$2.6 to \$3.0 million.

9. For information and discussion.

10. For information and discussion.

11. Status of ADOT Lump Sum Categories and Scoping Projects

The ADOT Five Year Program incorporates several lump sum categories including: pavement preservation, bridge maintenance, enhancement funds, transit, safety, and minor district projects. The 2005 ADOT allocation of funds reserved \$34 million for lump sum programs, however, these funds are usually only programmed to specific projects in the first three years of the program. ADOT staff will provide a status report on lump sum programs. Also, ADOT staff will report on projects proposed for scoping.

12. Status Report on the ADOT Tentative 2001-2005 Highway Construction Program

At the last TRC meeting on November 23, 1999 the committee recommended the attached list of major new projects for inclusion in the ADOT 2001-2005 Highway Construction Program. A tentative program is targeted for approval in January and for public comment in February. At the time of this writing a draft tentative program has not been received. A status report on development of the ADOT Five Year Program will be provided.

13. Tentative FY 2001-2005 Program Regional Transit Program

Federal funds can only be used for capital projects (including maintenance) while local funds are used to operate transit. Therefore, the TRC has focused on regional federal transit capital funds including, 5307, 5309, CMAQ and ADOT STP Flex. In the past, 5307 funds (federal formula funds) have been over-programmed after the second year. In accord, with new federal direction the

11. For information, discussion and possible recommendation to include lump sum program projects in the draft tentative ADOT Highway Construction Program for public comment, and to recommend projects for scoping.

12. For information and discussion.

13. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend the proposed tentative FY 2001-2005 Regional Transit Program for public comment. Also, recommend amending the MAG 2000-2004 program to include proposed transit projects for STP flex funds in FY 2000.

current approach is to not over program this funding category.

The attachments for this agenda item include a tentative FY 2001-2005 program for 5307 fund, a tentative FY 2001-2005 program for 5309 funds and a tentative FY 2000-2005 program for ADOT STP Flex funds.

14. Red Letter Notification on the South Mountain Parkway

The South Mountain Parkway is part of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan and portions are funded in the ADOT Life Cycle Program. In June, MAG received notice of a planned residential subdivision in the South Mountain Parkway alignment near Broadway Road and 59th Avenue. The 154-acre subdivision includes 24 acres in the South Mountain alignment and the proposed plat includes 148 homes in the alignment. The cost of this 24 acres is approximately \$1.2 million. \$5 million a year in advance right-of-way acquisition funds are included in the ADOT Life Cycle Program that could be used for this purchase without delaying programmed freeway construction.

The City of Phoenix has requested that action be taken on this red letter notification. On September 21, 1999, the TRC adopted the following recommendation *“subject to review by the ADOT Right-of-Way Advisory Panel (1) ADOT be authorized to make advance right-of-way acquisitions in controlled access corridors, to complete freeway connections that are part of the MAG Freeway/Expressway Plan, where a design concept has been completed and where development is imminent and where the land to be acquired is a continuation of a freeway section included in the MAG Life Cycle Program, (2) Encourage local*

14. For information, discussion and recommendation to authorize formation of a South Mountain Agency Stakeholders Group to review the approved alignment and development an implementation plan for the South Mountain alignment between 19th Avenue and the Papago Freeway, in order that an environmental assessment can be completed in time to start final design on central portions of this corridor no later than February 2002.

jurisdictions to work with developers to secure dedication of right-of-way for Proposition 300 corridors, (3) Authorize formation of a South Mountain Agency Stakeholders Group to review the approved alignment and develop an implementation plan for the South Mountain alignment between 19th Avenue and the Papago Freeway, in order that an environmental assessment can be completed in time to start final design on central portions of this corridor no later than February 2002.”

The consensus of the Advisory Panel was to proceed with the formation of a South Mountain Agency Stakeholders Group to review the alignment and develop an implementation plan. In accord with the TRC action, this item is being returned to the TRC for further consideration.

15. Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled TRC meeting is Tuesday, January 18, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

15. For information.